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SUBJECT: LIBYAN NATIONALIZATION OF BP

REF: (A) ALGIERS 1884; (B) TRIPOLI 2308

1. REQUESTION RAISED IN PARA 4 REF (B), EMBOFF WAS INFORMED DECEMBER 14 [redacted] B1
[redacted] THAT IT WAS SENDING 25 ALGERIAN TECHNICIANS TO ASSIST LARG IN RUNNING NATIONALIZED BP. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, SONATRACH CAN ILL AFFORD TO SPARE TECHNICIANS AND THEIR EXPECTED STAY IN LIBYA WILL BE SIX MONTHS.

2. COMMENT: THIS INFO UNCONFIRMED BUT IN VIEW GOA'S STRONG MORAL SUPPORT TO LARG FOLLOWING BP NATIONALIZATION (REF B) IT APPEARS LOGICAL FOLLOW ON. GP-4.
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